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 FOR: METHOD, COMPUTER SYSTEM, :
 AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM
 FOR SENDING MESSAGES FROM A
 MOBILE DEVICE VIA A HOST SYSTEM
 TRANSPARENTLY

REPLACEMENT 37 CFR 1.131 DECLARATION OF MITCH HANSEN

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SIR:

- (1) I am one of the inventors named in this application.
- (2) I have reviewed claims 33-65 of the application (copies of those claims are set forth in the attached appendix). In particular, I have reviewed independent claims 33, 54, 55, 56, 60, 64, and 65. Each of those claims recites what I refer to herein as “the transparency feature.” For example, claim 33 recites the transparency feature (see the step in bold):

33. A method of forwarding messages between a host system and a mobile client, comprising the steps of:

- establishing a session based on loaded parameters at the host system;
- maintaining the session at the host system and querying the host system;
- receiving messages directed to a first address at the host system from a plurality of message senders;
- in response to a query, continuously forwarding the messages from the host system to the mobile client;
- receiving the messages at the mobile client;

generating reply messages at the mobile client to be sent to the plurality of message senders and transmitting the reply messages to the host system;

receiving the reply messages at the host system and configuring the reply messages such that it will appear to the plurality of message senders that the reply messages originated at the first address associated with the host system; and

transmitting the reply messages from the host system to the plurality of message senders.

(3) Similarly, claims 54, 55, 60, and 64 recite a transparency step. Claim 54 recites the step of “receiving reply messages from the mobile client at the host system and configuring the reply messages such that it will appear to the plurality of message senders that the reply messages originated at the first address associated with the host system” Claim 55 recites the step of receiving the reply messages at the host system and configuring the reply messages such that it will appear to the plurality of message senders that the reply messages originated at the first address associated with the host system” Both of these steps recite the transparency feature.

(4) Claim 60 recites the step of “configuring the received message such that the received message appears to the message recipient as if the received message originated at the sender's first address, wherein messages generated at either the mobile client or host system appear to originate at the message sender's first address” This step also recites the transparency feature.

(5) Finally, claim 64 recites the steps of “configuring the outgoing messages so that the outgoing messages appear as if they were generated at either the mobile client or the host system; and transmitting the outgoing messages from the host system to message recipients.” Again, this step recites the transparency feature.

(6) Hence, each of the active independent method claims defines a transparency step.

(7) Independent claim 56 is directed to a computer system for forwarding messages from a mobile client. Claim 56 recites the transparency feature (see the feature in bold):

A computer system for forwarding messages from a mobile client comprising:

a host system capable of sending and receiving messages, wherein a message sender's email address is associated with the host system;

a forwarding component operable with the host system that upon receiving a message generated at the mobile client, by a message sender destined for a message recipient, configures the received message, prior to forwarding to the message recipient, **such that the received message appears to the message recipient as if the received message originated at the sender's email address associated with the host system, thereby allowing messages generated at either the mobile client or host system to appear to originate at the sender's email address associated with the host system.**

(8) Claim 65 is directed to a computer readable medium with software instructions for enabling a method of forwarding messages including the steps of “configuring the received message such that the received message appears as if it were generated at either the mobile client or host system; and forwarding the configured received message to the message recipient.” Thus, the software instructions embodied on a computer readable medium (claim 65) enable a method including a transparency step.

(9) Prior to June 07, 1995, my colleagues and I had tested successfully in this country our invention as described and claimed in the subject application as evidenced by the following paragraphs.

(10) Prior to June 07, 1995, Motorola prepared on our behalf software embodying

the transparency feature of the invention. Attached hereto are copies of a slightly modified version of a PowerPoint® presentation that I have been informed that Mr. Sonnentag used during the interview on May 17, 2007.

(11) I have been informed that the only difference between the attached PowerPoint® presentation and the version that Mr. Sonnentag left with the examiner at the interview is that Mr. Eggleston added the screenshots of the directory of the software module to the version attached hereto.

(12) I have been informed that the reason the reason that the copy of the PowerPoint® presentation submitted herewith differs from the copy of the PowerPoint® presentation submitted with my original declaration is that, when Mr. Eggleston added the screenshots of the directory of the software module, he inadvertently added them to a version of the PowerPoint® presentation that he made prior to the version that Mr. Sonnentag used during the interview on May 17, 2007. That is, the version that Mr. Sonnentag used during the interview, copies of which he left with the examiner, was the final version. The copies attached to this declaration are identical to the copies left with the examiner at the interview, except for the previously noted addition of the screen shots of the directory of the software module.

(13) The first screen shot (page 5 of the PowerPoint® presentation not including the title page) is of the AirMobile® client software directory with the dates redacted. Each of those files has dates prior to June 07, 1995 with the exception of three files.

(14) The default.dbf file has an October 10, 2006 date because, when the AirMobile® client software is first installed on a computer, the default.dbf is created and Windows® automatically adds the date stamp. I have been informed that, in this case, Mr. Eggleston installed the client software on October 10, 2006.

(15) The profile.dbf and RFMLIB.INI files have May 16, 2007 dates, respectively,

because the AirMobile® client software modifies this file when the software is run.

(16) The second screen shot (page 6 of the PowerPoint® presentation, not including the title page) is of the AirMobile® communication server software directory with the dates redacted. Each of those files has a date prior to June 07, 1995 with the exception of the same three files of the client software directory default.dbf, profile.dbf, and RFMBLIB.INI which have dates subsequent to June 07, 1995. The profile-old.dbf file was originally named profile.dbf and was modified by the AirMobile® client software on May 14, 2007. I have been informed that Mr. Eggleston manually renamed the file profile-old.dbf.

(17) The CDRVDLL.DLL file of the first and second screen shots is a dynamic link library file which enabled a radio to be connected to the mobile client's serial port. The CDRVDLL.DLL file was obtained as a part of a third party software license.

(18) The PKWDCL.DLL file of the first and second screen shots is also a dynamic link library file which enabled the mobile communications to be encrypted. The PKWDCL.DLL file was also obtained as a part of a third party software license.

(19) Additionally, annotated screen shots of the GUI of the pre June 07, 1995 software reflecting that the subject claims had been reduced to practice are attached hereto as a part of the PowerPoint® presentation. The following is a claim chart correlating the screen shots with claim 65.

Applicants' Claim 65	Screen Shots
A computer readable medium encoded with software instructions for enabling a method of forwarding messages generated at a mobile client by a message sender destined for a message recipient, the method comprising the steps of:	As reflected by the screen shots of the two directories, pages 5 and 6, the software instructions for enabling the method of forwarding messages was encoded on a computer readable medium.
receiving a message, generated at the mobile client by the message sender destined for the message recipient, at a forwarding component associated with a host system,	See the screenshot entitled "Mitch's reply message as received by Gene" which reflects that Mitch Hansen sent a reply message to Gene Eggleston indicating "Ok, I'll be there." That message was forwarded

	to the AirMobile Communication Server from Mitch's mobile client.
wherein messages generated at the host system by the message sender use a first address;	The first address is "Mitch Hansen at postoffice". See e.g., the AirMobile Client screenshot.
configuring the received message such that the received message appears as if it were generated at either the mobile client or host system; and	The "AirMobile Client" and "AirMobile Server" screenshots illustrate the manner in which the first address "Mitch Hansen at postoffice" maps to the local radio ID. The mapping and the communication between the AirMobile Server and the cc:Mail Server "post office" enables the Communication Server to configure the received message such that the received message appears as if it were generated at either the mobile client or host system.
forwarding the configured received message to the message recipient.	The configured email is forwarded to "Gene Eggleston." See the "AirMobile Message Flow Sequence Chart (Mobile to LAN)" screenshot.

(20) My colleagues and I ran the AirMobile® software prior to June 07, 1995.

Thus, we successfully performed the steps recited in the claims now pending in this application.

(21) We ran the software using a communication server, a host post office, and a mobile client prior to June 07, 1995. Consequently, we verified the functionality of the computer system recited in those claims.

(22) In signing this declaration, I recognize that the declaration may be filed as evidence in a contested case before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. I also recognize that I may be subject to cross examination in the case and that cross examination will take place within the United States. If cross examination is required of me, I will appear for cross examination within the United States during the time allotted for cross examination.

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Replacement 37 CFR 1.131 Declaration of Mitch Hansen

(23) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Mitch Hansen
Mitch Hansen

2-13-2005
Date

Appendix

Claims

33. A method of forwarding messages between a host system and a mobile client, comprising the steps of:

establishing a session based on loaded parameters at the host system;

maintaining the session at the host system and querying the host system;

receiving messages directed to a first address at the host system from a plurality of message senders;

in response to a query, continuously forwarding the messages from the host system to the mobile client;

receiving the messages at the mobile client;

generating reply messages at the mobile client to be sent to the plurality of message senders and transmitting the reply messages to the host system;

receiving the reply messages at the host system and configuring the reply messages such that it will appear to the plurality of message senders that the reply messages originated at the first address associated with the host system; and

transmitting the reply messages from the host system to the plurality of message senders.

34. The method of claim 33, further comprising the step of:

storing information regarding the configuration of the mobile client at the host system.

35. The method of claim 34, wherein the configuration information stored at the host include:

(A) the network address of the mobile client; and
(B) an indication of the types of message attachments that the mobile client will receive and process.

36. The method of claim 35, wherein the configuration information further includes:
(C) an indication of the protocol of the mobile client.

37. The method of claim 35, further comprising the steps of:
for each message to be forwarded, the host system determining whether the message includes an attachment, and if so then determining the type of attachment;
accessing the stored configuration information at the host system to determine whether the mobile client will receive and process attachments of the determined type; and
if so, then forwarding the attachments to the mobile client.

38. The method of claim 37, wherein the type of attachment is a sound file.

39. The method of claim 33, wherein the received messages are addressed using a sender address and a receiver address, the method further comprising the steps of:
determining whether the receiver address is associated with the mobile client;
if the receiver address is associated with the mobile client, then determining a network address of the mobile client and packetizing the messages using the receiver address and the network address of the mobile client; and
after receiving the forwarded messages at the wireless subscriber unit, displaying the messages at the mobile client using the sender address and the receiver address, so that it appears as though the mobile client is the host system.

40. The method of claim 33, wherein the parameters of the established session at the host system include external events, internal events, or networked events.

41. The method of claim 40, wherein the external event is a registration message from the mobile client.

42. The method of claim 40, wherein the internal event is an execution of control messages.

43. The method of claim 40, wherein the internal event is an execution of programs.

44. The method of claim 40, wherein the internal event is a timer operation.

45. The method of claim 40, wherein the networked events include messages to begin forwarding from computer systems other than the mobile client, which are connected to the host system via a wired network.

46. The method of claim 33, wherein the mobile client is a mobile station.

47. The method of claim 33, wherein the mobile client is a device equipped to receive both voice and non-voice data messages.

48. The method of claim 33, wherein the host system includes a client profile database limiting the forwarding step to forwarding only those messages that are transmitted to the host system from a sender stored in the database.

49. The method of claim 48, wherein a user can add and subtract senders from the database.

50. The method of claim 49, wherein the user can add and subtract senders from the database by configuring the host system.

51. The method of claim 49, wherein the user can add and subtract senders from the database by transmitting a command message from the mobile client to the host system.

52. The method of claim 48, wherein an active client profile database is activated and deactivated at the host.

53. The method of claim 48, wherein an active client profile database is activated and deactivated from the mobile client.

54. A message forwarding method operating at a host system, comprising the steps of:

associating a first address with the host system;

establishing a session with the host system based on loaded parameters;

maintaining the session at the host system and querying the host system;

receiving messages at the host system from a plurality of message senders;

in response to a query, continuously forwarding the received messages from the host system to a mobile client associated with the host system;

receiving reply messages from the mobile client at the host system and configuring the reply messages such that it will appear to the plurality of message senders that the reply

messages originated at the first address associated with the host system; and

transmitting the configured reply messages from the host system to the plurality of message senders.

55. A message forwarding method, comprising the steps of:

establishing a session with the host system based on loaded parameters;

maintaining the session with the host system and querying the host system;

receiving messages at the host system from a plurality of message senders;

in response to a query, continuously forwarding the received messages from the host system to a mobile client associated with the host system, wherein a first email address for the user of the mobile client is associated with the host system;

receiving the forwarded messages at the mobile client;

generating reply messages at the mobile client;

transmitting the reply messages from the mobile client to the host system;

receiving the reply messages at the host system and configuring the reply messages such that it will appear to the plurality of message senders that the reply messages originated at the first address associated with the host system; and

transmitting the configured reply messages from the host system to the plurality of message senders.

56. A computer system for forwarding messages from a mobile client comprising:

a host system capable of sending and receiving messages, wherein a message sender's email address is associated with the host system;

a forwarding component operable with the host system that upon receiving a message generated at the mobile client, by a message sender destined for a message recipient,

configures the received message, prior to forwarding to the message recipient, such that the received message appears to the message recipient as if the received message originated at the sender's email address associated with the host system, thereby allowing messages generated at either the mobile client or host system to appear to originate at the sender's email address associated with the host system.

57. A computer system as claimed in claim 56, wherein an email address field in the configured received message is the message sender's email address associated with the host system.

58. A computer system as claimed in claim 57, wherein a reply-to email address field in the configured received message is the message sender's email address associated with the host system.

59. A computer system as claimed in claim 58, further comprising a code added to the configured received message to make an indication to the message recipient.

60. A method for forwarding messages generated at a mobile client by a message sender destined for a message recipient, comprising the steps of:

receiving a message, generated at the mobile client by the message sender destined for the message recipient, at a forwarding component associated with a host system, wherein messages generated at the host system by the message sender use a first address;

configuring the received message such that the received message appears to the message recipient as if the received message originated at the sender's first address, wherein messages generated at either the mobile client or host system appear to originate at the

message sender's first address; and

forwarding the configured received message to the message recipient.

61. A method as claimed in claim 60, wherein the message sender's first address is an email address associated with the host system.

62. A method as claimed in claim 61, wherein the configuring step ensures an address field in the configured received message is the message sender's email address associated with the host system.

63. A method as claimed in claim 62, wherein the configuring step ensures a reply-to email address field in the configured received message is the message sender's email address associated with the host system.

64. A method for forwarding messages between a host system and a mobile client, comprising the steps of:

establishing a session with the host system based on loaded parameters;

maintaining the session with the host system and querying the host system;

receiving incoming messages directed to a first address at the host system from a plurality of message senders, wherein the first address is associated with messages generated at the host system by a user of the mobile client;

in response to a query, continuously forwarding the incoming messages from the host system to the mobile client;

receiving outgoing messages generated at the mobile client at the host system;

configuring the outgoing messages so that the outgoing messages appear as if they

were generated at either the mobile client or the host system; and

transmitting the outgoing messages from the host system to message recipients.

65. A computer readable medium encoded with software instructions for enabling a method of forwarding messages generated at a mobile client by a message sender destined for a message recipient, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a message, generated at the mobile client by the message sender destined for the message recipient, at a forwarding component associated with a host system, wherein messages generated at the host system by the message sender use a first address;

configuring the received message such that the received message appears as if it were generated at either the mobile client or host system; and

forwarding the configured received message to the message recipient.

66. The method of claim 60, further comprising the steps of:

establishing a session with the host system based on loaded parameters;

maintaining the session with the host system and querying the host system; and

continuously forwarding messages received at the host system to the mobile client.

67. The method of claim 66, wherein the session is an execution of programs.

68. The method of claim 66, further comprising the steps of:

loading parameters at the host system; and

filtering received messages at the host system using one or more message filter prior to forwarding messages to the mobile client.